



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY...

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD— Studying His word

When we spend time studying God's Word—and in prayer – we saturate our minds with the Spirit of God, rather than the teachings of the world. With the indwelling of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament:

- We are assured of God's presence
- We will be dependent on His power
- We will be sensitized to the application of His Word

The time we spend with the Lord in studying His word—and in prayer— is so important because we do not know the timetable God has for our lives. We may be called to our heavenly home at any time. We must care for our bodies as though we may live for a long time, but we must treat our souls as if we are going to die tomorrow.

The above list was taken from "Living Wisely in an Unwise World" by Ronald and Phyllis Chewing. To find out what else is on this list, join us on Sunday at 9:15 am.

APRIL

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY EVENING—6:00 pm

SUNDAY MORNING—8:00 and 10:30 am

HOLY COMMUNION—April 1, 2 and 15, 16

5th SUNDAY WORKSHIP—April 30 at 9:00 am

HOLY WEEK AND SPECIAL EVENT SCHEDULE

Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday, April 1 from 9—10:00 am

Palm Sunday—April 2 at 8:00 and 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday w/HC—April 6 at 6:00 pm

Good Friday—April 7 at 6:00 pm

No Saturday Evening Service—join us for an Easter service on Sunday!

Easter—April 9

Sunrise Service—6:30 am

Breakfast—7:30 am

Resurrection Service—9:00 am *(Education Hour will not be held on Easter.)*

BIBLE STUDIES and CLASSES

EDUCATION HOUR FOR ALL AGES

Sunday—9:15 am | 5th Sunday (April 30) - 10:15 am

LADIES MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

April 3—6:30 pm. We will discuss chapters 11 and 12 of "Rediscovering Jonah" by Timothy Keller. Questions? Contact Mindy Braun at 608-792-9238.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday—9:30 am

CONFIRMATION—Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:30 pm beginning on April 12

HS YOUTH and BIBLE STUDY—Wednesday—7:30 pm beginning on April 12.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday—9:30 am

ONGOING MINISTRY MEETING SCHEDULE

DEAF MINISTRY—Interpreter for Sunday worship on the first and third Sunday of the month when communion is served. *(Verify schedule with Deaf Ministry.)*

EDUCATION— Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 pm

LWML—Monday, April 17 at 1:00 pm

COUNCIL — Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30 pm

ELDERS — Monday, April 24 at 6:00 pm

FELLOWSHIP— Wednesday, April 26 at 11:00 am/Perkins, Onalaska

Schedules subject to change. Check the church bulletin, Facebook, Website or Weekly Update for updates.

MARCH

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT—Library and Elders

LIBRARY COORDINATOR

KEEPS OUR LIBRARY ORGANIZED AND PROMOTES INTERESTING RESOURCES

WELCOME KAREN SCHINDLER—our new Library Coordinator!

What are the responsibilities of the Library Coordinator?

My role as Library Coordinator for the library team is pretty basic. I check in the materials that have been placed in the box labeled “Book Return” and replace them on their respective shelves. I’m excited to be part of this educational and entertaining venture.

How do you spend your free time?

At church I’m involved with Fellowship Ministry and the confirmation banquet. I also act as the ‘Children’s Activity Bag Coordinator’.

In my personal time, I love working with live plants and silk stems, some of which have been used for Advent By Candlelight. It's fun trying new recipes until my kitty, Norman, demands my attention! Since my family is not in the area (home is west of the Twin Cities), I cherish the special bond I have with them via phone calls and texts. I love road trips and the outdoors. Last summer, I took a leisurely drive to Luther Point Bible Camp in Grantsburg, WI., and was privileged to witness the baptism of my great-nephew in Wood Lake. The ceremony was inspirational and the scenery breathtaking. I loved the rustic cabins.. definitely a repeat!

ELDERS

ASSISTS WITH THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF THE CONGREGATION...

THE ROLE OF THE ELDERS IS TO ASSIST THE PASTOR in all matters pertaining to the spiritual needs of the congregation and oversee the front office personnel. They help encourage Christ-like relationships and employ the teachings found in Matthew 18:15-20 should a conflict arise.

In addition, elders help integrate new members into the life and work of the church, administer the "Good Samaritan Fund", and organize church cook-outs and the Annual Easter Sunrise Breakfast.

If you have an issue or concern, please feel free to contact any of the elders below. If you’d like to know who your assigned elder is, please contact the church office 608-783-0330.

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EASTER RESOURCES

Here are some ‘picks’ from our library coordinator...

“Bright Easter Day”

Easter—The Very First

“That’s My Colt, An Easter Tale

Grab a book, make a cup of coffee and relax in front of the fireplace with a good book from our library. Or, check out something from the library to take home. Simply fill out the library card attached to the book, puzzle, DVD, etc. and place in the black library card box located on the stacks. Please make use of these wonderful amenities.

Karen Schindler—our Library Coordinator

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Our latest Narthex puzzle!

Everyone is invited to contribute to the next piece of art!





IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN OUR CHURCH

Look no further! You can help out here, at church—right now. No experience needed.

5TH SUNDAY POTLUCKS

Organize and host a meal

Available date: July 30

To host, sign up at The Welcome and Opportunity Center.

CHURCH MINISTRIES

Help plan and implement various activities within our church

From Altar Guild to Youth Leaders your ideas and participation are welcome! To volunteer, contact a ministry chair.

GREETERS

Say "Hello" to people—members and non-members—who are joining us for worship

To volunteer, come to church early, put on your name tag and smile!

PROJECTOR

Advance the projector slides during the church service

To volunteer contact an Elder

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

Provide treats, coffee and fellowship

See sign up sheet at The Welcome and Opportunity Center for available dates

USHERS

Help people get to where they are going

To volunteer contact an Elder

MINISTRY UPDATES

"BOOK TALK"

MEET WITH BOOK LOVERS FOR TALK AND TREATS...

APRIL BOOK SELECTION— "The Girls in the Picture" by Melanie Benjamin
Tuesday, April 25 at 11:30 am at Panera

EDUCATION MINISTRY

ASSISTS WITH THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS

THE MAYO CLINIC NEWSLETTER located in the Narthex library contains reliable information on rheumatoid arthritis, removing earwax safely and restless legs syndrome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING for April—June will go to support the school lunch programs in Onalaska and Holmen elementary and middle schools.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Tuesday—Thursday, August 8—10
Time to be determined. Stay tuned!

Education Contact: Hanni Cowley at 608-863-6767 | hannicowley@yahoo.com

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

CONNECTS PEOPLE THROUGH FUN, FOOD and FELLOWSHIP

TO SIGN UP or VOLUNTEER for Fellowship events, please visit The Welcome and Opportunity Center

THE '2ND SATURDAY MEAL' will not be held as there is no April 8 service.

BEAT CABIN FEVER with a game of Pickleball, basketball or volleyball. Sign up at The Welcome and Opportunity center to reserve the gym. Someone from Fellowship will explain how to access the building and set up the equipment. If you reserve the gym, you are responsible for opening the building, set-up/tear-down and locking up.

EVENT RECAPS -

GAME DAY—Saturday, March 4

Eleven people were in attendance for cards and BUNCO. It was wonderful to have guests from outside of the SOTH family join us in fellowship.

OPEN GYM FOR LITTLE ONES—Saturday, March 18

It was a chilly day, but that didn't keep approximately 30 3-5 year olds, including family members, from enjoying a morning of "fellowship" with their peers! A special "thank you" to the Shepherd's Flock volunteers who helped give the children a morning of fun!

Contact: Jana Underkofler at jounder5js@gmail.com

HUMAN CARE MINISTRY

SERVES THE NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND OUR COMMUNITY

PRAYER CHAIN: to submit a request (or to join the prayer chain) please contact Sharon Ryan at sryan6731@gmail.com or 608-526-6731, or the church office.

ONALASKA FOOD PANTRY—April request—Toilet paper and paper towels. Donations may be placed on the shelves located across from The Welcome and Opportunity Center.

THE PIECE MAKERS meets Thursday, April 13 and 27 at 9:30 am. For more information, contact Lorraine Koch at 936-242-9941.

Human Care Contact: Sue Mravik at suemravik@gmail.com

MUSIC MINISTRY

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!

Chimes—TBD | **Choir**—Wednesday at 6:30 pm

We pray for a successful and speedy recovery for Kaye Lehrman—our church organist/pianist/accompanist/vocalist—who broke her arm on Saturday, March 18. Her talents are greatly missed!

Music Ministry Contact: Kay Conzemius at bkconz@aol.com

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

SHARING YOUR TIME AND TALENTS

A Better Way

Shared from the LCMS stewardship Ministry by John Berg

The most common question about stewardship is not whether a Christian should give to their church. Of course, Christians should give to their church. Everyone knows this. Rather, the question asked most is, “How much should I give?” But this question really means, “Should Christians give a tenth of their income to their local congregation?”

Here are some common reasons against tithing. Some say tithing isn’t necessary because it isn’t expressly commanded in the New Testament. There is no “Thus saith the Lord,” or “should” concerning tithing. Others say that Christians give to their congregation in ways much broader than money. They give of their time and their talents, and these together with treasures (money) add up to more than a tithe. Still others say that they give of their treasures to other things besides their congregation, and they want to support those things alongside their church. And then there are those who think Christians shouldn’t tithe because of some fear. They are afraid that if they tithe, their gift will be misused, or that after tithing, there won’t be enough left over to get the things that they use, want, or need.

Here are some reasons why Christians should tithe. Even though the New Testament doesn’t specifically command Christians to tithe, the Old Testament people were commanded to tithe. And on top of this, St. Paul often describes giving a regular and generous proportion of the first fruits of one’s income — terms similar to a tithe (2 Cor. 8:7–23; 2 Cor. 9:2–7).

But here’s another way to think about it: What was the point of the tithe in the Old Testament? Where did it go? This tithe was intended to support the ministry of the Levites. They were not given any land because they had no time to farm; their full-time job was the ministry. What does it say in the New Testament? “The Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14). This is the verse that Luther used in the Small Catechism’s Table of Duties to explain what Christians owe to the support of the ministry.

It seems clear from both the Old and the New Testaments that the tithe is the goal of Christians in their giving. But what if we’re not there yet? How should we handle this? What are we to do?

Let’s answer this by asking a different question. What would you say to your adult children who only attended church quarterly or once a month? After all, there is no passage in the New Testament that requires Christians to go to church weekly. Hebrews 10:25 is the closest verse we have, and it states simply that Christians should not neglect gathering together. And even though there is no passage that commands Christians to gather weekly, that is the implicit expectation throughout the Old and New Testaments.

So, what would you say to that son or daughter? The conversation might go something like this. I’m glad you’re still going to church. It is a wonderful blessing to hear God’s promises of forgiveness, life and salvation, and to receive His gifts in Word and Sacrament. But you can do better, and it will only be a blessing to you. There is a better way, and I’d really like you to try to attain it.

We should approach the topic of tithing with a similar conversation. The tithe is not specifically commanded in the New Testament, but it sure seems like the implicit expectation of both the Old and New Testaments. So, we’re ecstatic that you’re giving, and that you’re giving in all these various ways — time, talents and treasures. But there is a better way. And that will only be a blessing to you, just as the Word of God — Old and New Testament alike — promises. Can you try increasing your gifts over the coming weeks, months and years? Can you put your trust in the God who sent His Son to take away your sin and give you everlasting life? And if He did this for you, if He did not spare His only Son, how will He not give you all things? He will not disappoint.

Thank you to Citizens State Bank, Onalaska for donating \$500 to Shepherd of the Hills via the “We CARE Together” non-profit collaboration.

SPRING MISSION—NEW LIFE RESOURCE CENTER



NEW LIFE RESOURCE CENTER is a non-profit pregnancy center that has been helping mothers in the La Crosse area for 40 years. The center was started with a desire to offer Christ-centered counseling to women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Over time, the center has expanded to provide services like practical assistance to mothers and families in need.

New Life Resource Center is considered a bridge ministry. Offering help to those in need provides an opportunity to share the Gospel. Friendship and spiritual counsel is offered to help women make God-pleasing choices. Practical assistance (infant/toddler clothing, diapers, baby supplies) is also offered free of charge. Every client is encouraged to take one or more free Bible books.

The center also offers children's Bibles, prayer books, and Bible story books for all ages and reading levels. These age-appropriate items help mothers teach their children about Jesus.

Some of the moms are dealing with issues like homelessness, domestic abuse, childcare, rental/eviction assistance, food needs, substance abuse, and mental/physical health needs. These moms are referred to other helpful non-profits in the area that can be of service to them.

New Life Resource Center is a self-supporting organization that relies on the financial support of area churches and members. Donations of gently used infant and toddler clothing as well as other baby related items can be donated to the center. All items are given free of charge. Helping mothers in the community is the bridge that is used to help mothers with physical needs as well as spiritual needs.

SOTH members can support New Life Resource Center by using the special Mission Offering envelope dated April 16 and throughout the month of April.

Contact: John Berg at johnjberg@outlook.com



IN HOLY BAPTISM

CONNOR WILLIAM MATTHEWS

Born January 4, 2023 to Charles and Alayna Matthews
Baptized on March 19, 2023.

Mark 16:16

"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."

Welcome to the family of believers...

THANK YOU!

2022 WAS A SCARY AND TOUGH YEAR for Jeremy and I. With God's grace and your prayers Jeremy is on the road to a full recovery after open heart surgery to replace his damaged heart valve. We would like to sincerely thank you for your gifts. With your generosity we were able to enjoy our traditional Christmas dinner with our four children. You lifted the burden of going back and forth to the hospital for Jeremy's many appointments and physical therapy. We were even able to cheer on our youngest daughter at a dance competition across the state.

You truly made a difference for our family and we are extremely grateful.

God does truly hear more than we ask, answers more than we say and gives us more than we can imagine.

God bless you SOTH!

Love, Jeremy and Christin (Rich and Carol Westpfahl's daughter)



CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS FOR MARCH 21

Submitted by Carolyn Bey

PASTOR CALL UPDATE: John Gardner reported that it has been 5 to 6 weeks since the paperwork was sent in to Pastor Willie and John is hopeful that he will hear from Pastor Willie within the next few days.

BYLAWS UPDATE: John Berg reported that the committee has met 4 times this year. Luther's Large Catechism is one of many documents the committee members are using for guidance on the decisions they make. There are still many issues for the committee to go over.

ORGANIST: Kay Conzemius is busy trying to find people to fill in for our organist, Kay L., since she has a very bad break, from a fall, in her upper arm. Recovery could take 6 to 8 weeks, or 3 to 4 months if surgery is needed. Kay C. asks for our patience as she tries to find enough people to fill in.

TRUSTEE'S LIST: Kyle Janzen reported there are still upgrades needed for the offices. The office workers are requesting more comfortable chairs than Marilyn had initially picked out. Overhead lights will be needed in the area where the Chime Choir plays. They will also be needed in the Chancel area since the lights on the Lectern and Pulpit shine in people's eyes and are very distracting. Two of our trees are dying. The council decided to wait until spring to see if this project could be put off for now.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Karen Gardner mentioned that the Easter Egg Hunt is coming up on April 1st and they are needing more helpers and more Easter candy, pre-wrapped, no nuts. More information and a box for the candy donations can be found at the welcome center.

PRE-SCHOOL: Linda Trautmann reported that the Summer Session is full for the 1st week and 1 position is open for the 2nd week. The Open Gym for Pre-Schoolers and their families was a success.

MISSIONS: John Berg mentioned The New Life Resource Center, located at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in La Crosse, is our Spring Local Mission for SOTH members to support. There is a Mission Envelope in our offering boxes to be collected April 16th for those who wish to give to this good cause.

FFELLOWSHIP EVENT CANCELED: Jana Underkofler reported that the event at the Heider Center offering "A Tribute to John Denver" on April 14th will not be organized to attend by SOTH Fellowship, since tickets are almost gone and none were purchased ahead of time.

NEXT UPCOMING POTLUCK: The next 5th Sunday Potluck will be a typical potluck with people signing up to provide Main Dishes, Side Dishes and Desserts.

LIFE SKILLS WORKSHOPS: Martha Keeffe reported a plan in the works to develop several life skills workshops for young adults, high school and university students, and any adult wanting to attend. They would cover many of the things no longer being taught in schools. More information to follow.

RIDES TO CHURCH: Sue Mravik brought to our attention that there might be a number of our members who are unable to come to church unless someone picks them up and gives them a ride. We are asking that anyone in need of a ride, contact the church, and we will see what we can work out to provide that ride.

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES: An informational voters meeting will be scheduled in the near future to give our members an opportunity to discuss this topic and give their opinions. It is hoped all who wish to have a say will attend this meeting. The date and time will be announced. There will NOT be a vote taken at this informational meeting.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL INITIATIVE: All four of the La Crosse Area LCMS Congregations have approved the Resolution authorizing the Genesis School Start Study. Our share to begin the study is \$125. Marilyn and Jim Magnuson have jointly volunteered to be the primary Project Contact Persons for the Consultant working on this project. The council wishes to remind everyone that this is a Study Only to determine the feasibility of establishing a Lutheran School. We are not starting to build at this time!

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: Linda Trautmann with support from Shawn Mahoney, brought up the very great need to establish a place where those in our church who are currently going through cancer treatments or who are living with any stage of a Cancer Diagnosis can come together to share, care and pray. It could even extend out to our community as a caring outreach. Linda and Shawn will organize the group. The opportunity fund could help with the cost of starting this new ministry. The council took a vote to start this group and it was unanimous.

DO YOU HAVE a question or concern pertaining to the church council? Please feel to contact council leadership.

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*Warren Bey—Church Vice President
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If you have a question specific to a church ministry, contact the chairperson of that ministry. Contact information is located at the end of the newsletter ministry reports.



WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE...

5TH SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, April 30 | 9:00 am

Fellowship Meal following the
10:15 am Education Hour

HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?

WHERE TO FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS...

CHURCH BULLETIN—includes the weekend service and scripture readings, a list of upcoming events, prayer requests, information for our guests, volunteer schedule, plus birthdays and wedding anniversaries, etc. Please submit items for the church bulletin to Martha at martha.keeffe@sothonalaska.com by noon on the Tuesday of that week.

FACEBOOK—we have two pages (one that's private for church members only and another that is public) with up-to-date information on upcoming events, announcements and lots of pictures!

NARTHEX MONITOR—gives abbreviated information about upcoming worship schedules and church events.

WEBSITE—visit us at sothonalaska.org to get connected to all information related to Shepherd of the Hills.

WEEKLY UPDATE—via email, this update includes the worship schedule, volunteer schedule, prayer requests, birthdays and wedding anniversaries for the week from Thursday to following Wednesday. A brief overview of upcoming events is also included.

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITY CENTER—sign up here for all church activities. You can also find additional information about community events, council, etc.

AND OF COURSE, you can always find information in the monthly newsletter!



If you have a question or suggestion pertaining to church communications (or if you need help accessing information) please contact Martha at martha.keeffe@sothonalaska.com.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY



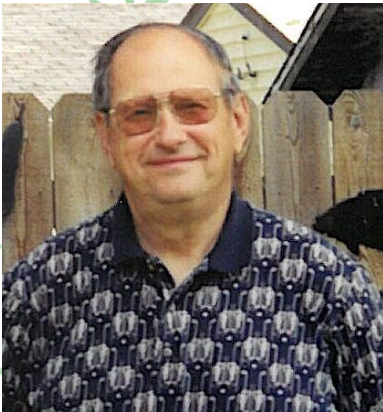
BARBARA TIONA age 82 of Onalaska passed away on February 27, 2023 at Mayo-Franciscan Health System in La Crosse after a short illness.

She was born on April 13, 1940 in Stark township in Vernon County to Robert and Betty Hagen. She grew up in Viola, Wisconsin and graduated from Viola High School in 1958. She attended the University of Wisconsin – Madison where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism. After graduation she married Allen Ginsberg and they lived in several cities including Akron, Ohio, Minneapolis, and Washington DC. After Barbara and Allen divorced, she met and married Frank Tiona and they moved back to the Coulee Region on a farm outside Bangor. Barbara began work as the Marketing Director at Valley View Mall. After the death of her husband, she moved to Onalaska continuing with Valley View Mall until her retirement. Barbara enjoyed working with people but also loved animals and taking care of her home and flower garden. She read extensively and was active in her church, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church of Onalaska.

She is survived by her sister, Tamara Hagen, of Madison and special friend Charles Dahl of Onalaska. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

A Memorial Service will be held to celebrate her life on Saturday April 15th at The Gathering Place 133 Mason St., Onalaska. Visitation is from 10:00-11:00 am with a service by Pastor David Baumgarn at 11:00am. A lunch will be provided.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to La Crosse Humane Society and Onalaska Public Library are preferred.



RAYMOND M. MICHALKO (better known as Ray, Dad, Grandpa, Homey, and All Day Ray) 82, passed away peacefully into the loving arms of Jesus, his personal Lord and Savior, on March 1st, 2023. He was at his home with his loving wife, Vickie by his side.

Ray was born on November 28th, 1940 at his family homestead in Blackduck, MN to Paul and Anna (Smuda) Michalko. Ray's parents immigrated to the United States in the early 1900s from Prague, Czechoslovakia. He was very proud of his Czechoslovakian heritage, but even more proud of his strong Christian faith. He was baptized on January 19th, 1941 and confirmed on March 29th, 1953 – both at Holy Trinity Church Missouri Synod in Blackduck, MN.

He graduated from Blackduck High School in 1958 and afterwards, attended classes in Thief River Falls, MN. He later moved to St. Paul, MN and worked for Witte Transportation until he transferred to La Crosse, WI in 1961 as an assistant manager. After working there for 15 years, he moved on to work for Moen Photo in La Crosse as a warehouse manager and a driver supervisor for 4 years. In 1984, he opened Ray's Small Engine Repair Shop, working from his home. He ended up closing shop in 2003 due to health concerns. He also worked for WWTC – La Crosse in the maintenance department from 1983 until he retired in 2004. Ray continued to work during his retire-

ment, picking up shifts to cover vacations/sick calls. He had an admirable work ethic and was a great provider for his family.

Ray was an avid fan of the Minnesota Vikings football team. He rarely missed watching a game on TV. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and bowling as well. He was well known in the La Crosse area as a very good bowler as he was a member of the "700 Club". At one time, he was the only known bowler in La Crosse who accomplished to bowl a 700 series in each of the bowling houses (3 at that time).

Ray met the love of his life, Vickie, at the Sports Bowl (La Crosse) in 1972. They were married on June 16th, 1973 at Faith Lutheran Church in La Crosse, WI. They almost made their 50th anniversary, but they did end up being together for a little more than 50 years. Ray and Vickie were blessed with 3 children: William, Molly, and Joseph – whom he loved and was very proud of and all of their accomplishments. Family was very important to Ray, especially his grandson, Xavier, whom he was also proud of. He taught him how to fish and Xavier taught him to play chess. He truly cherished their time together.

Ray had a great sense of humor, always making others laugh and having a good time. He made many friends throughout his life. He will be greatly missed, but will never be forgotten. He will remain in our hearts forever.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Anna Michalko, Brothers: John (Grace) Michalko , Edward (La Rae) Michalko, and William Michalko. Half-brothers: Paul Michalko and Frank (Kay) Chovan. Sisters: Anne (Lloyd "Buck") Goben, Evelyne (Dick) Nelson, and Millie (Dave) Boggs. Half-sisters: Ann (Vern) Skramstad and Mary Michalko.

He is survived by his wife, Vickie (Hoverud) Michalko, sons: William (Michelle) Michalko of Rochester, MN and Joseph Michalko of La Crosse. Daughter Molly (Mark) Breidel of Onalaska, WI and grandson, Xavier Breidel of Onalaska, WI. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, March 11th at Shepherd of the Hills in Onalaska.

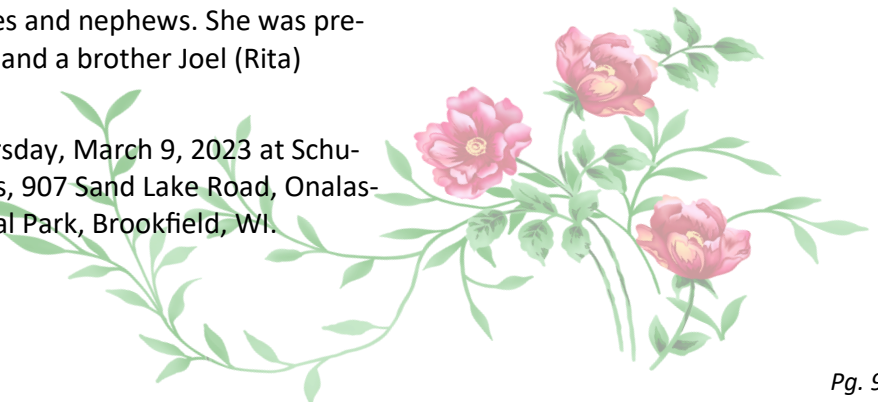


Carole J. Schroeder, 83, of Onalaska, WI passed away on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at Springbrook Village in La Crescent, MN. She was born on September 26, 1939 in Milwaukee, WI to Lester and Dorothy (Arnold) Bacher.

Carole graduated from Milwaukee Lutheran High School in 1957. She also attended Prospect Hall Secretarial School in Milwaukee. On December 2, 1961 she married Ralph Schroeder in Milwaukee. She had worked at Standard Oil Co. as secretary and M&I Bank in Human Resources before retiring. Carole enjoyed gardening, antiques and traveling.

She is survived by her husband Ralph, a daughter Kristin Schroeder of Milwaukee, three sisters Lynn Schmidt of Cedarburg, WI, Leslie Geiger of Appleton, WI and Laurie (Richard) Krenn of Madison, WI, one brother Kevin Bacher of Tucson, AZ along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son Phillip and a brother Joel (Rita) Bacher.

A visitation was held from 3 – 6 PM on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at Schumacher – Kish Funeral & Cremation Services, 907 Sand Lake Road, Onalaska. Burial will be held in Wisconsin Memorial Park, Brookfield, WI.



HAVE A QUESTION? FIND YOUR ANSWER HERE

Q & A

WHY? WHAT? HOW?

Do you have a question about your faith or how our church works? How about your life? Do you want to know how your faith applies to your daily life? To submit a question, visit the church website at sothonalaska.org and click on the Q & A tab. An answer to your question will be posted on the website—just because you asked. **All submissions are anonymous.**



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

2—Betsy Jessie, Dustin Rainey, Judy Williams
3—Emma Breidenbach
4—Nicole Corton, Carter Gilhausen, Louise Kovars
7—Xavier Breidel, Alan Topel
8—Robin Klipp, Sarah Wells
9—John Garnder, Cheryl Kraft
10—Cahtayah Torgerud
11—Al Niebuhr
12—Shawn Books, Mike Londergan
13—Braelynn Mueller, Rachel Trautmann
14—Carolyn Stakun, Johanna Tornstrom
15—Maria Ferguson, Kay Wolfe
17—Piper Jessie
18—Armani de la Rosa

19—Peggy Anderson
22—Debbye Antoni, Rogan Dissmore
23—Alex Stetzer
24—Brenna Cain
29—Tom Cowley, Ron Smith
30—Hanni Cowley, Matt Haffemann

Anniversaries

3—Phil and Joyce Sanders
5—Duane and Linda Vetsch
18—Kerry and Sharon Wheeler
23—Rick and Linette Guilette
24—Philip and Heather Eckert
26—Phil and Ruth Hartmann
27—Reuben and Sue Mravik
30—Kurt and Kelly Ziegelbein

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OFFICE HOURS and COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE

Kira's hours through May

Monday/Wednesday

9:00 am—noon

Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

9:00 am—2:30 pm

Submit ALL bulletin, Weekly Update and Narthex TV entries to Martha by noon on Tuesday. Items received later than noon will not be included.

May newsletter submissions must be received by noon on Monday, April 24.

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SHEPHERD'S FLOCK PRESCHOOL

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Monthly Update

We have spent the last two weeks learning all about Easter and the resurrection of our Savior. Our preschoolers learned that there is a sad part of Easter, but there is also a happy part, a time to rejoice! One of our favorite songs to sing this time of year is Shout Hosana by the Donut Man! Our preschoolers celebrated during our Easter party on Thursday, March 30th. We painted Easter cookies, colored eggs, made Resurrection Rolls and had our very own Easter egg hunt! It was so fun to host a party for our preschoolers with activities all pointing to Jesus, our Risen Savior! We were so grateful to have all our teachers present for the party as well have support from 12 parent volunteers. Our preschoolers will be on Easter Break from April 3 until April 10. Our teachers will be hosting Parent/Teacher Conferences on April 3 & 4. We wish you all a blessed Easter!

We're looking forward to learning about Farm and Spring Time in April! We've got some special things planned for our preschoolers that we can't wait to share with you! Make sure you're following along with what we're up to on our Facebook page!

Resurrection Roll Recipe

We make these special treats each year at our Easter party! We hope you enjoy this fun Easter recipe! This recipe is the perfect activity to share with children or grandchildren.

Items Needed:

1 can refrigerated crescent rolls, 8 marshmallows, melted butter, cinnamon and sugar

1. Give each child triangle dough. This represents the tomb.
2. Each child takes a marshmallow. This is the body of Christ.
3. Dip the marshmallow in butter & roll in the cinnamon & sugar mixture. This represents the oils and spices the body of Jesus was anointed with.
4. Place the marshmallow on the dough and wrap carefully. Make sure all seams are pinched together or the marshmallow will ooze out. Bake seams down on cookie sheet.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 12 minutes until golden brown. Let cool. Break open the tomb and the body of Christ is no longer there. He is gone! He has risen!

Matthew Fletcher Scholarship

To help make Christian education accessible, Shepherd of the Hills offers a scholarship program for our preschool families, the Matthew Fletcher Scholarship Fund. This fund has been a blessing to so many families over the years. LuAnn and Gary Fletcher, former members of Shepherd of the Hills, started the "Matthew Fletcher Scholarship Fund" when they lost their 2-year-old son, Matthew, in a drowning accident. They felt very strongly that families seeking a Christian education for their children, who may need financial assistance, be lovingly helped with a tuition reduction.

God has always blessed us by keeping this fund supplied to meet the needs of our families who apply. This year we have 10 children receiving partial scholarships through the Matthew Fletcher Scholarship Fund.

We will need to continue to grow this fund to continue serving more families in the future. A special thank you to those who have directed offerings to this fund, bless you and thank you!